

# UITS Research Technologies update for Bloomington Faculty Council Technology Policy Committee

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# What is Research Technology's mission?

The mission of the Research Technologies division of UITS is to develop, deliver and support advanced technology solutions that improve the productivity of and enable new possibilities in research, scholarly endeavors, and creative activity at Indiana University and beyond; and to complement this with education and technology translation activities to improve the quality of life of people in Indiana, the nation, and the world.

**We are a mission- and value-driven organization. We are not a technology-driven organization.**

We identify needs, identify possibilities, and discover new ways to meet those needs, realize those possibilities, and create new ones. In so doing, we create, deploy, and support technology. **We are a technology-driving organization.**

Roughly one third of personnel are funded by external agencies



# We've supported some important research and interesting creative activity along the way

SNAKE EVOLUTION  
FRUIT FLY TRANSCRIPTOME  
HIGGS BOSON NOBEL PRIZE  
One Degree Imager  
Operation Ice Bridge  
Water flea genome  
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder  
Indiana CTSI  
Cell surface function  
History of philosophy and science  
Variations  
Ethnography  
Music Composition  
Fine arts  
Performing arts



*A boa constrictor body shown over the shadow of a lizard body: The regions of the spine and body of the snake are as complex as the regions of the lizard – which is not what people previously believed. (Image courtesy University of Nebraska-Lincoln)*



# Visualization

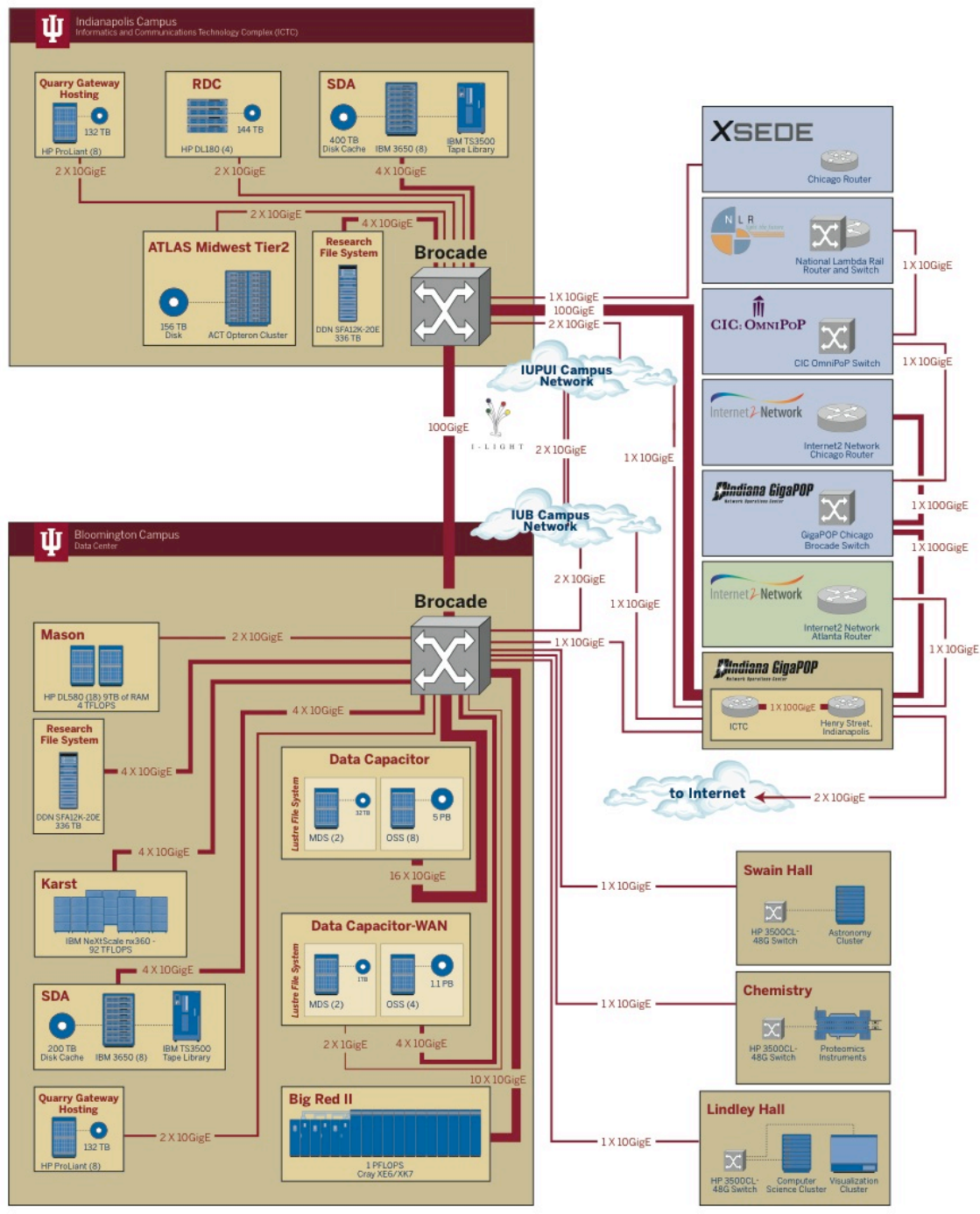
- Science on a Sphere
  - PufferSphere: touchable, portable, lower maintenance and TCO
  - New apps: Google analytics, Streetview, StreamGraph
  - Major presence at SC'14
- IQ-series
  - New Scholars Commons IQ-wall: 3D stereo, multi-input, Crestron
  - Breaking down “digital signage” & “instruction only” mentality with other units, lower costs

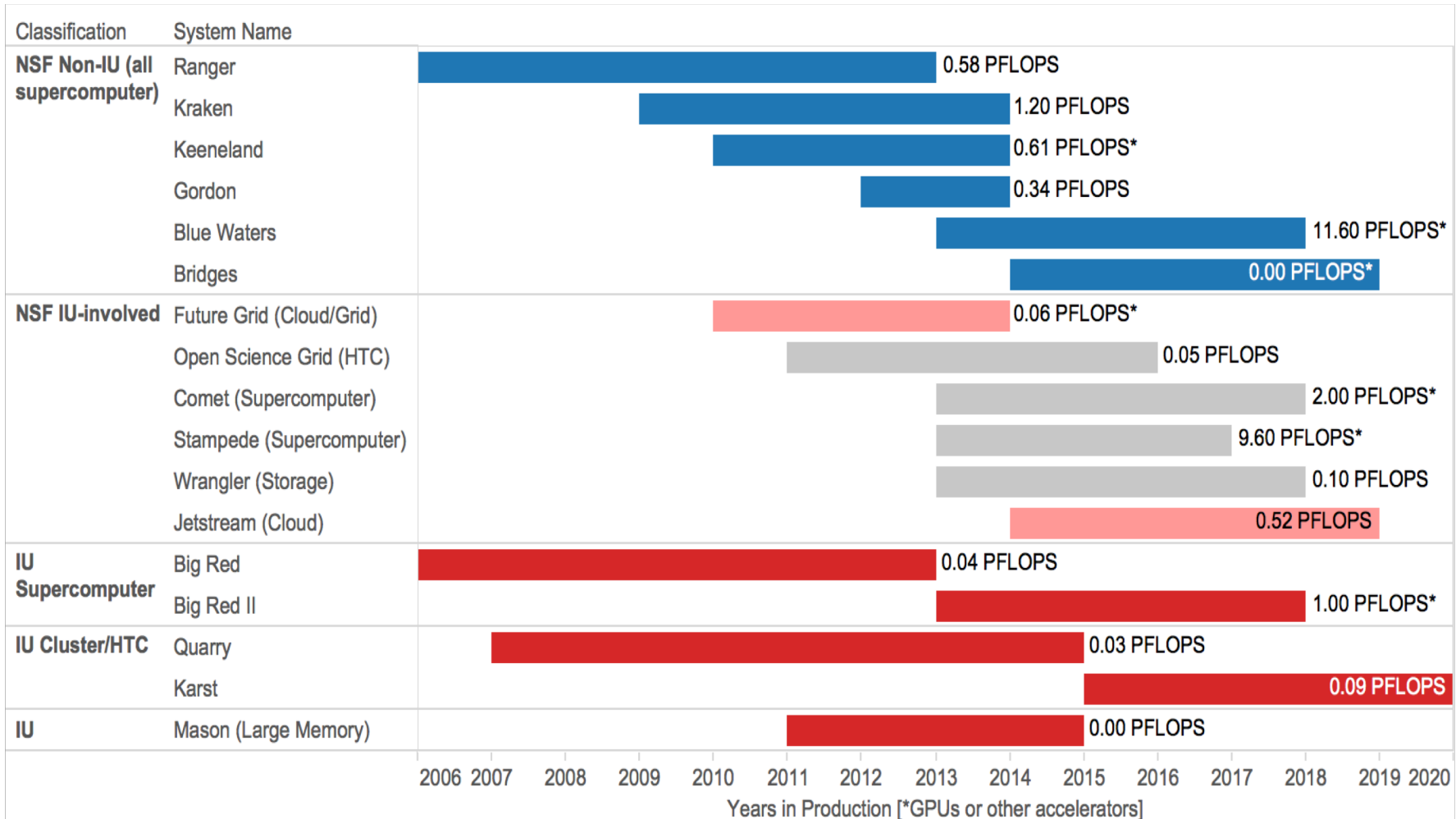


**IQ-Wall supports teaching, research at MMWC**

*Alex Lichtenstein, IU professor of history, inaugurated the IQ-Wall at the MMWC with students in his COLL S104/The Struggle for Civil Rights: Reacting to the Past.*







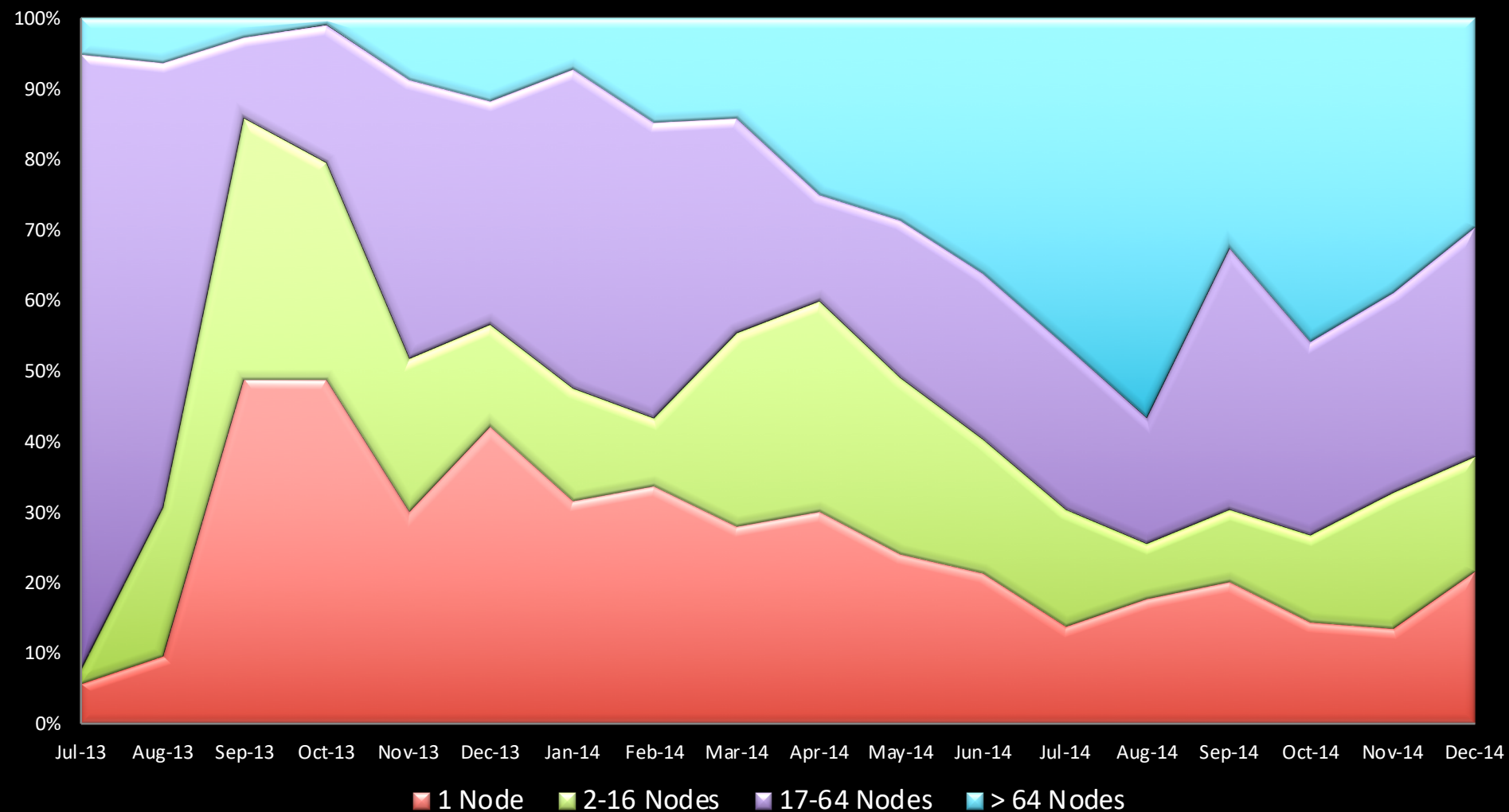
### Legend

- IU System
- NSF IU Lead
- NSF IU Partner
- NSF Non-IU

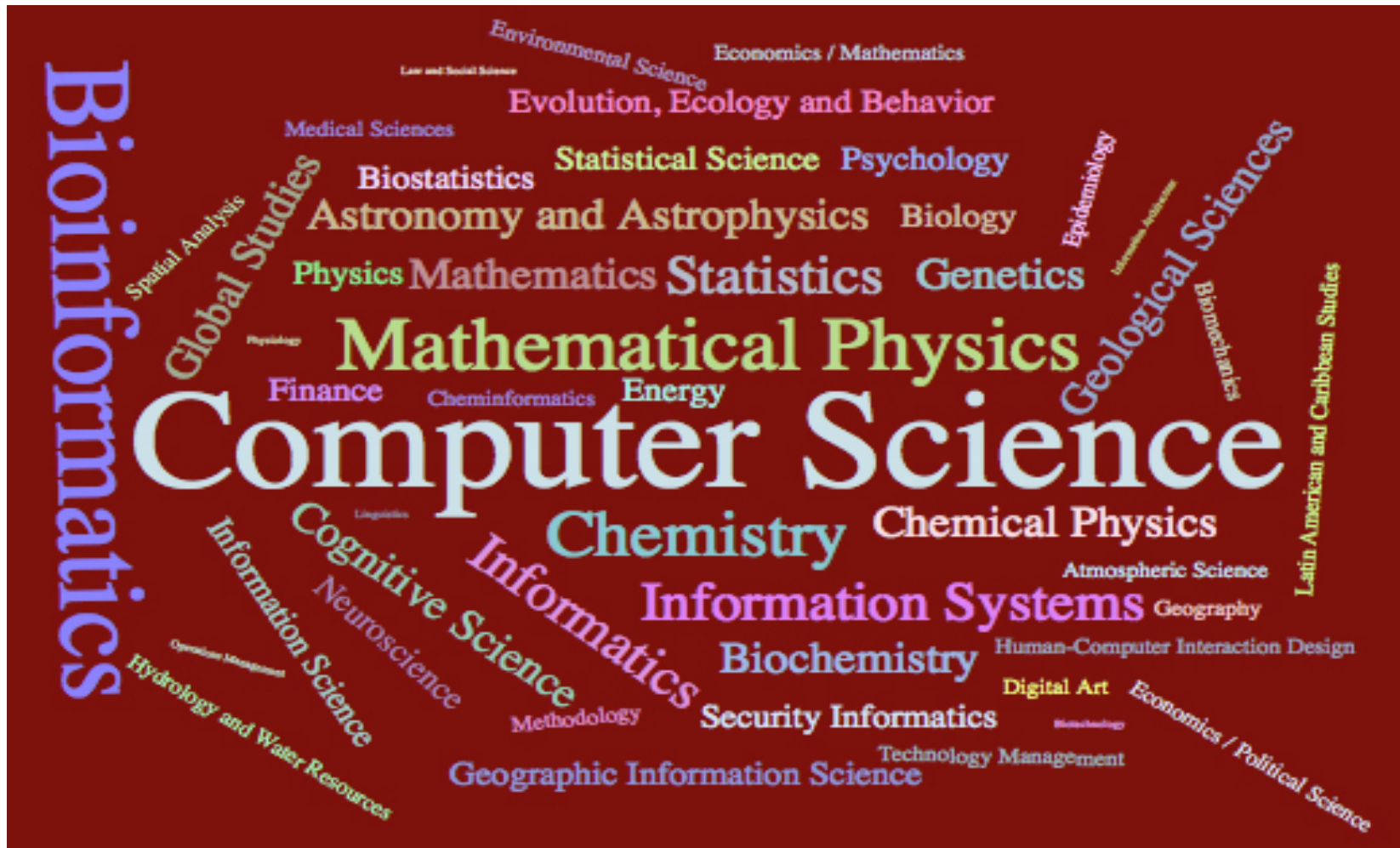


# Big Red II – significant large scale parallel usage

BigRed2 Core Hours by Job Size



# Who uses Big Red II







## Karst

256 compute nodes

- 2 Intel Xeon E5-2650 v2 8-core processors      512 processors, 4,096 cores    32GB RAM/node

16 data intensive compute nodes

- 2 Intel Xeon E5-2650 v2 8-core processors    32 processors, 256 cores    64GB RAM/node

450TB local spinning disk

91.5 teraflops

11TB total memory

10Gbps local interconnect

Financial support from OVPIT and ORA





# Karst Condominium Nodes and Node Colocation

## Karst Condominium Nodes

- Condominium nodes – standard: ~\$5K for 5 year lifespan. Two Intel Xeon E5-2650 v2 8-core processors; 32 GB of RAM and 250 GB of local disk storage.
- Condominium nodes - Data intensive ~\$8K for 5 year lifespan. Two Intel Xeon E5-2650 v2 8-core processors, 64 GB of RAM and 24 TB of local storage.

## Karst Node Level Colocation

- Node pricing vary with configuration specs if different than standard colocation nodes, but it's anticipated that standard condominium specs would address the majority of nodes

## Supporting IT-28

- High-throughput computing – no cost to user
- Node Level Colocation supports researchers with computational environments that are not able to be addressed via the Intelligent Infrastructure
- Nodes located in IUB Data Center on collaborative IU Science DMZ



## IU File Store status

- No one is happy
- We're doing some things to try to make as many people happy as soon as is humanly possible
- So far we have had two primary goals that have had no common solution. That seems to be changing.
- Priorities
  - IUFS must have the capability of storing critical data
  - IUFS price point should be as close to \$0.50 per GB
  - Ability for group access control, user-driven version restoration important

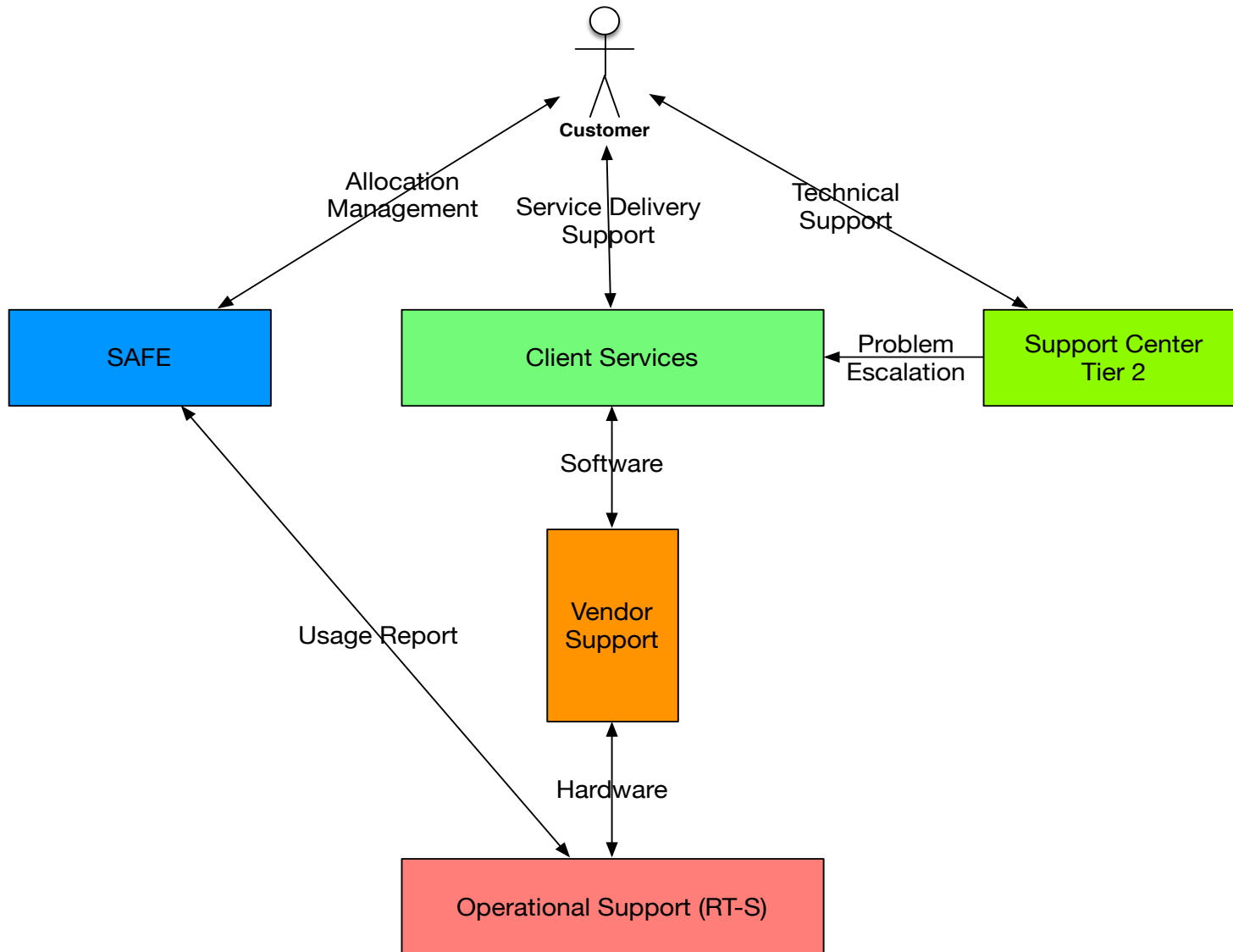


## 3- or 4- pronged approach

- IUFS – Beta testing – time line 2 months to....
  - to be launched in Spring 2015
  - Will last no more than 1 year with exit strategy for participants
  - 1 TB max allocations
  - No after hours support, support through SC
  - Windows and Mac OS X platforms initially
- IU something something (IURS?) supporting research data that must be accessed at high speed and/or PHI
- Intelligent Infrastructure II – time line months
- Box where appropriate



# Organizational Support



# Support for grant proposal preparation and execution

## RT overall

- Letters of commitment

## Collaboration and Engagement Support Group

- Support with IT-related aspects of grant preparation
- Compliment, not duplicate, VPR services

## Architecture based methods

- Kurt Seiffert and George Turner now TOGAF certified architects
- NSF grant solicitations in particular requiring architecture-based methods more and more often
- We can help
- And a shameless plug for the keynote speaker at next springs Research Tech fair





# Summary

- IU faculty are doing really great research, scholarship, and creative activities, and UITs research cyberinfrastructure is aiding those efforts.
- Most Research Technologies services are funded by RCM payments and are available to the IU community (faculty, staff, students) with no usage fees
- With implementation of IT-28 there are more options for departments and labs to purchase services via UITs. Departments have been willing to invest their own money in the past, and this adjustment in approach by UITs makes research support less like a zero sum game. Price points are important and we are working on that.
- RT can do custom programming and participate in grant-funded projects to provide dedicated support
- RT is particularly adept at aiding researchers in preparing competitive grant proposals (letters of commitment, facility statements, match in some circumstances, and we specialize in adjectives)
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